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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHIANG FANG CHI-YI, an individual;  
CHIANG HSIAO-CHANG, an individual;  
CHIANG YO-MEI, an individual; CHIANG  
TSAI HUI-MEI, an individual; CHIANG YO-  
SUNG, an individual; CHIANG YO-LAN, an  
individual; CHIANG YO-BO, an individual;  
CHIANG YO-CHANG, an individual; CHIANG  
YO-CHING, an individual; CHUNGYAN  
CHAN, an individual; ACADEMIA  
HISTORICA, an entity of The Republic of  
China; CHIANG HSIAO-YEN, an individual;  
CHIANG HUI-LAN, an individual; CHIANG  
HUI-YUN, an individual; CHIANG WAN-AN,  
an individual, and CHIU JU-HSUEH, an  
Individual.

Defendants.

Case No. 5:13-cv-04383-BLF-VKD

**PLAINTIFF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND  
STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY'S  
REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF  
ORDER DISMISSING ACTION AS TO  
CHUNGYAN ("JAMES") CHAN [Dkt.  
396]**

Judge: Hon. Beth Labson Freeman

1 Plaintiff The Board of Trustees of The Leland Stanford Junior University (“Stanford”)  
 2 respectfully submits this request for modification of the Court’s July 7, 2023 Order Dismissing  
 3 Action as to Chungyan (“James”) Chan [Dkt. 396] pursuant to which the Court held that, in light of  
 4 the failure of Chungyan (“James”) Chan (“Mr. Chan”) to respond by July 6, 2023 to the Court’s  
 5 June 15, 2023 Order to Show Cause [Dkt. 390], “[t]he action is DISMISSED as to Mr. Chan for  
 6 failure to prosecute.” Dkt. 396.

7 As the Court knows, Stanford filed this interpleader action asking the Court to determine the  
 8 conflicting claims raised by parties including Mr. Chan to certain diaries and papers of Chiang Kai-  
 9 shek and Chiang Ching-kuo (the “Deposit”). In its Complaint, Stanford asked the Court: (1) to  
 10 release and discharge Stanford from any and all liability on account of the claims that each  
 11 defendant may have in the Deposit; and (2) to restrain each defendant from instituting any action  
 12 against Stanford for recovery of the Deposit. On August 22, 2022, the Court granted Stanford such  
 13 relief in its Order Granting Motion for an Order Releasing and Discharging Stanford from Liability;  
 14 and Restraining Each Defendant from Instituting Action Against Stanford for Recovery of Deposit  
 15 [Dkt. 346] (the “August 22 Order”).

16 On June 21, 2023, defendant Academia Historica (“AH”) filed its Motion for Entry of Order  
 17 to Transfer Deposits and Final Judgment [Dkt. 392]. AH’s [Proposed] Order [Dkt. 392-1], *inter*  
 18 *alia*: (1) incorporates by reference the August 22 Order; and (2) provides that “Stanford is released  
 19 and discharged from any and all liability on the account of any claims that any defendants may have  
 20 with regard to the transfer of possession of the Deposits to Academia Historica.” *Id.* at 2.

21 Stanford is concerned that dismissal of Mr. Chan as a defendant prior to entry of the Order  
 22 on AH’s motion might be interpreted as creating ambiguity as to whether he is bound by that Order,  
 23 thereby leaving Stanford open to a possible claim by Mr. Chan based upon its transfer of the  
 24 Deposit to Academia Historica pursuant to an Order from this Court. This concern is heightened as  
 25 Mr. Chan has threatened to sue Stanford over its handling of the Deposit, including in letters sent  
 26 on March 17, 2020, March 31, 2020, and August 22, 2020. *See* Dkts. 295-5, 295-6, 320-3, 320-4.

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1 Stanford therefore believes that it would be preferable, rather than dismissing the action as  
2 to Mr. Chan for failure to prosecute, for the Court to enter Mr. Chan's default pursuant to Fed. R.  
3 Civ. P. 55(a) and, if the Court chooses, to enter a default judgment against Mr. Chan pursuant to  
4 Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b).

5 In the alternative, Stanford notes that July 5, 2023 was the deadline for any party to oppose  
6 AH's motion, *see* Local Rule 7-3(a), and that no party opposed that motion. Accordingly, the Court  
7 could dispose of the case against Mr. Chan – and as to all parties – by withdrawing its Order of this  
8 morning [Dkt. 396] and granting AH's motion and entering judgment thereon.

9 Respectfully submitted,

10 Dated: July 7, 2023

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I am employed in the State of California, in the office of a member of the bar of this Court, at whose direction the service is made. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My email and business address is kelly.saunders@pillsburylaw.com and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, 725 South Figueroa Street, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-5524. On July 7, 2023, I served the document titled **PLAINTIFF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ORDER DISMISSING ACTION AS TO CHUNGYAN ("JAMES") CHAN [Dkt. 396]** on the following party in this action as follows:

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